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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Jiangchun Xu et al.
Application No. : 09/605,783
Filed : June 27, 2000
For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE THERAPY AND
DIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE CANCER

Examiner : J. Taylor
Art Unit : 1634
Docket No. : 210121.427C16
Date : May 21, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Communication dated March 21, 2002, please extend the period for reply one month, making the extended due date May 21, 2002. Enclosed are a petition for an extension of time and the requisite fee. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fee deficiency or credit any excess payment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1090. Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendment.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 37.

Please amend claim 35 to read as follows: